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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, United Kingdom patents UK 2343029 and UK 2357873, are attached. These documents were cited in an International Search Report for International application No. PCT/US 01/26075 as family members of German Patent DE 19934515. A copy of the International Search Report for International application No. PCT/US 01/26075, is also attached.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,119,198 to Fromm and U.S. Patent No. 6,286,130 to Poulson et al., were cited by an Examiner in a corresponding pending application (Serial No. 09/244,133) on July 23, 2002.

U.S. Patent No. 6,077,312 to Bates et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,774,724 to Heisch, EP Patent Application No. EP 0 965 921 A2, and the Valvano article entitled *Debugging Strategies*, were cited in a PCT Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US 01/31330 dated July 31, 2002.

U.S. Patent No. 5,905,856 to Ottensooser, U.S. Patent No. 5,301,312 to Christopher, Jr. et al., and the Kropp et al. article entitled *Automated Robustness Testing of Off-the-Shelf Software Components*, were cited in a PCT Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US 01/31886 dated August 1, 2002.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form and returning it to applicants' undersigned representative.

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